

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

S.J.R. No. 4

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proposing a constitutional amendment providing for the authorization for issuance of general obligation bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new prisons and other punishment facilities to confine criminals, mental health and mental retardation institutions, and youth corrections institutions, for major repair or renovation of existing facilities of those institutions, and for the acquisition of, major repair to, or renovation of other facilities to convert those facilities into state prisons or other punishment facilities.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Article III, Section 49-h, of the Texas Constitution is amended by adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:

(d)(1) The legislature may authorize the issuance of up to \$1.1 billion in general obligation bonds, in addition to the amount authorized by Subsections (a) and (c) of this section, and may use the proceeds of the bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new prisons and substance abuse felony punishment facilities to confine criminals, mental health and mental retardation institutions, and youth corrections institutions, for major repair or renovation of existing facilities of those institutions, and for the acquisition of, major repair to, or renovation of other facilities for use as state prisons or substance abuse felony punishment facilities. Proceeds of general obligation bonds issued under this subdivision may not be appropriated by any session of the legislature other than the 2nd Called Session of the 72nd Legislature or any subsequent session of the legislature.

(2) The provisions of Subsection (a) of this section relating to the review and approval of bonds and the provisions of Subsection (b) of this section relating to the status of the bonds as a general obligation of the state and to the manner in which the principal and interest on the bonds are paid apply to bonds authorized under this subsection.

SECTION 2. This proposed constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 5, 1991. The ballot shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1.1 billion in general obligation bonds for acquiring, constructing, or equipping new prisons or other punishment facilities to confine criminals, mental health and mental retardation institutions, and youth corrections institutions, for major repair or renovation of existing facilities of those institutions, and for the acquisition of, major repair to, or renovation of other facilities for use as state prisons or other punishment facilities."

Adopted by the Senate on June 18, 1991, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 0; July 23, 1991, Senate refused to concur in House amendments and requested appointment of Conference Committee; July 25, 1991, House granted request of the Senate; August 13, 1991, Senate adopted Conference Committee Report by the following

vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0. Adopted by the House, with amendments, on July 22, 1991, by the following vote: Yeas 125, Nays 20; July 25, 1991, House granted request of the Senate for appointment of Conference Committee; August 13, 1991, House adopted Conference Committee Report by the following vote: Yeas 147, Nays 1.

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